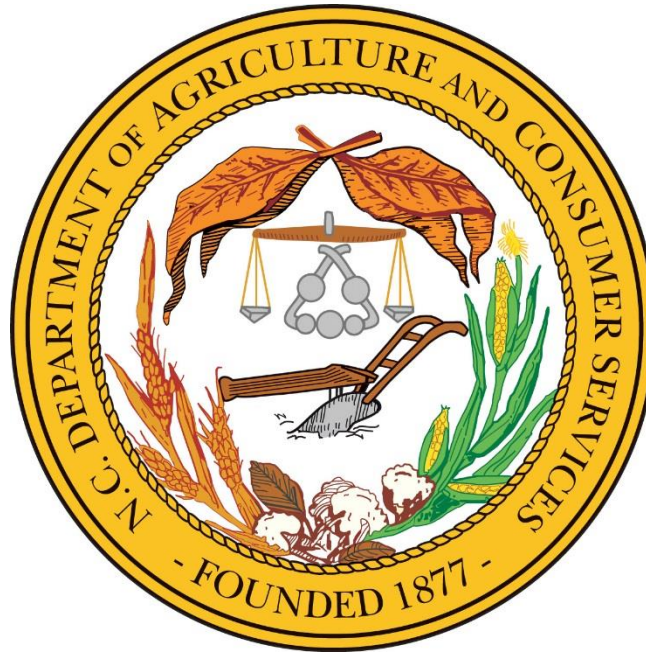
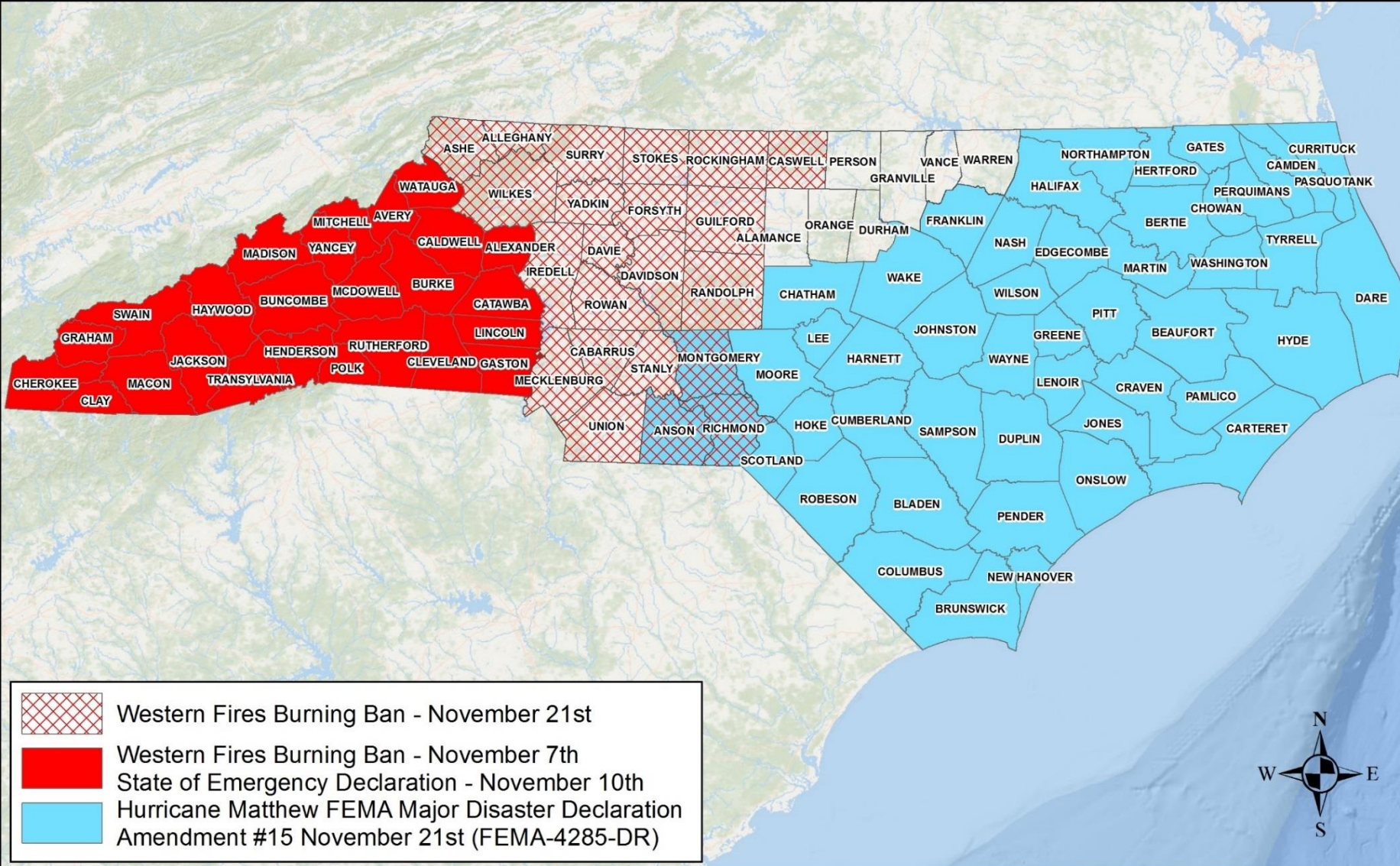


# Hurricane Matthew and WNC Wildfire Response



December 1, 2016

# North Carolina Disaster Declarations for Hurricane Matthew and Western Fires





# Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Tennessee

- The Chimney 2 Fire was reported in Great Smoky Mountains National Park near Gatlinburg, Tenn., on Nov. 23.
- On Nov. 27, drought conditions and extreme winds caused the wildfire to grow rapidly.
- On Nov. 29, the fire took its toll on the community of Gatlinburg, damaging or destroying more than 250 buildings, and taking the lives of four civilians.



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- Impacts to major field crops: **\$400 million**
- Impacts to food firms
- Impacts to landscape and nursery crops- early estimates **\$20 million+**
- Livestock: **2,800 swine lost**
- Poultry: **1.8 million lost**
- Mortality Management Program for Poultry
  - 1,100 loads of wood shavings and other carbon material for composting
  - FEMA Public Assistance Grant – **\$3 million approved up front**

# Hurricane Matthew: NCDA&CS Responses

- Over **300** employees from **14** divisions
- **1,000s** of calls and visits to assess damages
- Over **200 calls** received and processed by Agriculture Disaster Hotline
- Managed national and local resource coordination for **5 major companion animal shelters in Pender, Pitt, Lenoir, Robeson and Edgecombe** counties
- Counties supported at distribution points, incident management, chainsaw crews



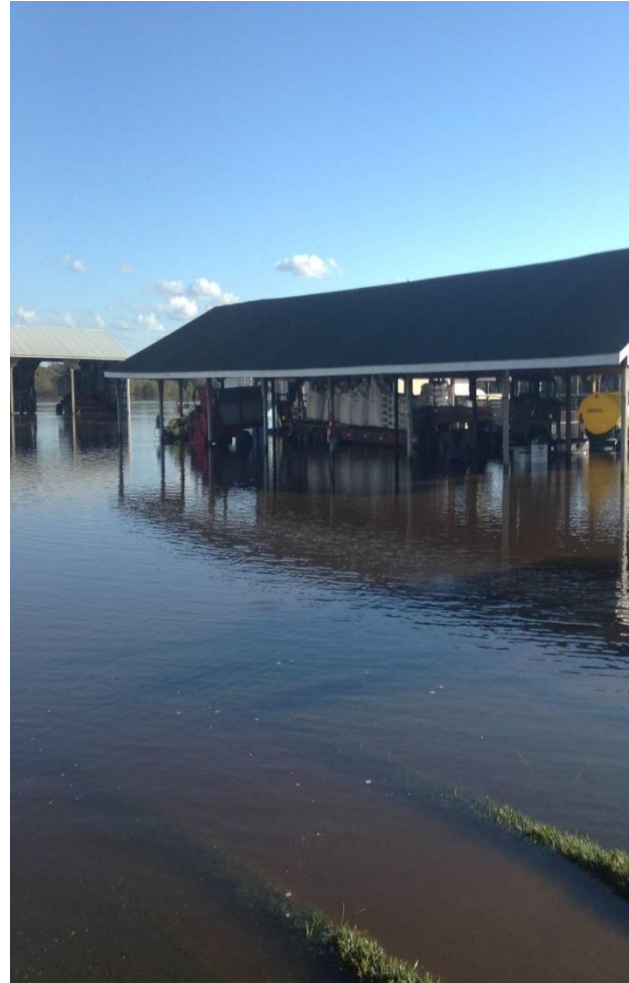
# Hurricane Matthew: NCDA&CS Response

- Impacts to Food and Drug Firms – 100s of assessment calls and some product destroyed
- USDA food commodities moved by Food Distribution Division to assist with mass feeding; provided support with a driver and refrigerated trailers for storage, transport
- Cherry Farm: Significant structural damage, levee damage
- Claridge Nursery: Seedlings destroyed, nursery not operational

# Cherry Farm



TWIN CALVES



FEED DROP



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# Hurricane Matthew: A Glimpse





# Western NC Wildfire Response



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# Western NC Wildfire Response

- 25 project fires since Oct. 23
- 73,000 acres burned
- >2,500 personnel involved
- >30 states sent resources, personnel
- Numerous N.C. fire departments sent personnel and equipment
- Two FEMA fire management assistance grants reimburse 75 percent of *allowable* costs.



# Western NC Wildfire Response

## Party Rock Fire

- Began Nov. 5 on Chimney Rock State Park land about 1 mile north of Lake Lure.
- On Nov. 9, command was turned over to the N.C. Forest Service Brandon Incident Management Team.
- Type I Team from Oregon Department of Forestry assumed command on Nov. 23.
- More than 7,100 acres burned and over a thousand homes were threatened and thousands evacuated.
- 100% contained as of Nov. 29.



# Western NC Wildfire Response

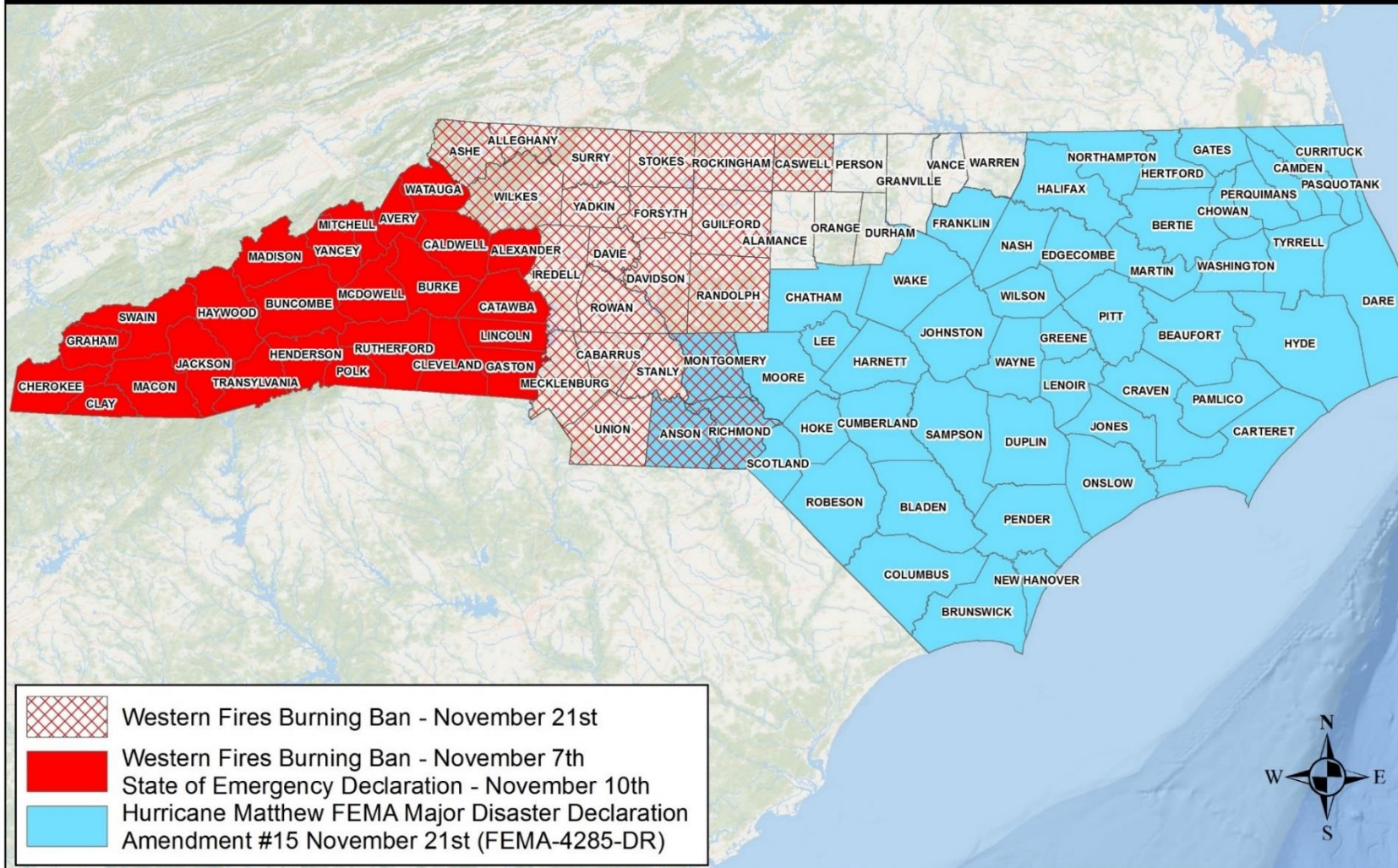
## Chestnut Knob Fire

- Began Nov. 6 in South Mountains State Park.
- Currently estimated at 6,435 acres in steep terrain with an estimated containment of 90%.
- North Carolina State Parks continues determining damages to trails and other areas of the park.



# Recovery & Needs

## North Carolina Disaster Declarations for Hurricane Matthew and Western Fires





# NC Supplemental Federal Disaster Assistance Request Submitted Nov. 2016

- USDA-FSA Emergency Conservation Program: \$65 million
  - USDA-NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection: \$46 million
  - Non-USDA Covered Ag Loss (CDBG): \$71 million
- TOTAL** **\$182 million**